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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FOREIGN OFFICE
NOTE REGARDING THE GROUND RULES FOR THE AUGUST 7
PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION. NOTE READS IN
INFORMAL TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS HAS
THE HONOR TO INFORM THE CHIEFS OF MISSION ACCREDITED
IN COLOMBIA THAT IN ACCORD WITH THE DESIRES OF THE
PRESIDENT-ELECT, DR ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN, IT
WOULD VIEW IT FAVORABLY (VERIA CON AGRADO) IF
FRIENDLY STATES WHICH DO NOT BORDER ON COLOMBIA
WOULD RESTRICT THEIR REPRESENTATION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURAL CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE WED AUGUST 7,
TO THEIR CHIEFS OF MISSION ACCREDITED IN BOGOTA.

FOR GREATER SIMPLICITY, BUSINESS SUIT WILL
BE USED, AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS THAT MAY
BE DESIGNATED SHOULD NOT EXCEED THREE, INCLUDING
THE CHIEF OF MISSION.

3. QUOTE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS FOR THE
PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION WILL TAKE PLACE
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AUGUST 6 BEFORE THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

DR MISAEI PASTRANA BORRERO UNQUOTE.

4. THE WORDING ABOVE IS INTENDED TO ALLOW FOR SPECIAL DELEGATIONS FROM NEIGHBORING STATES, BUT THE INTENTION IS THAT OTHER STATES ARE EXPECTED NOT RPT NOT TO SEND SPECIAL MISSIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) I RECOMMEND THAT THE US DELEGATION BE DESIGNATED AS 1) MYSELF AS CHIEF OF DELEGATION 2) VERNON MCANINCH CONSUL GENERAL AND 3) DONALD JOHNSTON POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

B) THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF THE MAKE-UP OF OUR DELEGATION AS ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SINCE DELEGATION PRECEDENCE WILL DEPEND UPON DATE OF INFORMING THE FOREIGN OFFICE, I WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT AUTHORIZATION.

C) I ALSO REQUEST THAT THE APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALS BE PREPARED AND FORWARDED FOR THE CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION ON AUGUST 6.
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